President: The whole thing will end in a few months when such a situation will not arise.

Transport of food grains.

41. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have transported food grains from Cochin in country crafts to Travancore in 1118 and 1119 ;

(*b*) what is the total number of bags carried or transported in vallams from Cochin in 1118 and 1119 and what is the total charge incurred in that behalf in those years?

Mr. T. K. Gopalan Nair: (*a*) Yes in 1119 and none in 1118.

(*b*) 8,56,390 bags in 1118 and 19,19,631 bags in 1119, the total transport charges incurred being B. Rs. 1,09,007-6-5 in 1118 B. Rs. 4,69,676-13-11 in 1119.

Trasport of food grains.

42. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether food grains have been transported from Cochin Harbour to Travancore in ships in 1119 and 1120 ;

(*b*) if so, how many bags in how many trips have been transported in ships in 1118 and 1119 ;

(*c*) what is the total fare paid to such ships in 1118 and 1119;

(*d*) what is the average number of bags carried per trip in ships and the fare paid per trip ; and

(*e*) whether food grains were weighed and entrusted to ships before transporting and reweighed and taken delivery in Travancore?

Mr. T. K. Gopalan Nair: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There was no transport by ships in 1118. 3,16,235 bags in 24 trips were transported in 1119.

(*c*) Nil in 1118 and Bb. Rs. 4,21,031-9-7 in 1119.

(*d*) 12,000 bags and Bh. Rs. 16,700.

(*e*) Yes.

Fertiliser plant.

43. ***Mr. A. N. Satyanesan:** Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether the rumour that a fertiliser plant at a cost of 70 lakhs of dollars is to be installed in the State is true ; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, will they have any control in connection with the appointment of over 5000 persons in the said concern?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The fertiliser plant to be installed at Alwaye will, when erected, cost about 6 million dollars.

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